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July 5, 2011

City of Santa Barbara  
Parks and Recreation Department

Re: 21 No. Milpas St.  
Santa Barbara, CA

I am requesting an appeal regarding the property on Milpas Street  
Because I believe that the property is being damaged from the roots of the  
City tree and the roof , ceiling and water pipe from the roof is being a problem.  
The leaves from the tree causes damage on the roof. Also the tree is located  
too close to the building, which also caused cracks to the walkway and lifting the  
cement.

I will bring photos taken this week to show the impact regarding this matter.

Attached is a summary of more detailed information.

Your immediate attention is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Beverly Iles  
Telephone no.: 805-964-4968

The leaves on the roof at 21 N. Milpas St. and the too close proximity of the trees to the building have been creating a problem with the walkway on my property which now has cracks because the roots of the trees have travelled underneath the walkway and lifting the walkway along the frontage of the stores. When the sidewalk is washed (monthly) water flows into the stores instead of toward the parking lot. The angle is toward the building instead of toward the parking lot. The roots have been raising the walkway over the years and now a major problem. The roots under the walkway have to be removed and is your responsibility of the City of Santa Barbara to take care of that issue financially for the walkway replacement. The City will have to pay for all the expenses to have all this corrected, including the cost of the roof clean-up removal of all the leaves which caused leakage into the stores and ceiling tiles were damaged. It is the responsibility of the City to pay for the consequences from the damage due to the trees owned by the City. The costs already for the past damages of invoices submitted with the claim forms. In the past years when I had issues with the rain and water leaking into the shops, I did not realize that all those times with ceiling tiles falling and water on carpet... until now... that the leaves were the issue on the roof with the leaves dropping on the roof and the buildup of the roots growing under the walkway. All the damages were due to the leaves blocking the drains so water could not escape and finally leaking into the shops. It is now time to fix the problem by removing these trees and roots under the walkway.

The trees and branches are too close to the building and overhang on the roof. The wind blows the leaves on the roof and when it rains causes blockage with the drainage and the weight of the water and leaves will continue to cause more damage to the roof and to the ceilings in the stores. Attached are letters from the contractor and from the roofer confirming that the tree is a problem at this location.

I took new photos on July 2, 2011 which I have will for the appeal meeting.

I found out at the June 22nd meeting that the sidewalk was replaced by the tree at my property, so the City knew it was a problem and a continuing problem on to my property.

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June 22, 2011

To whom it may concern:

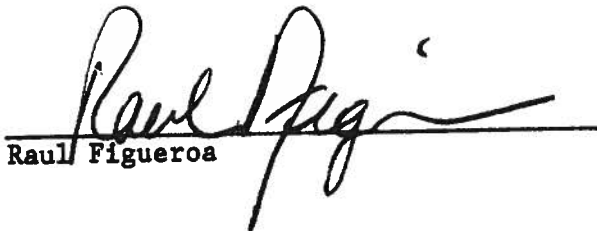
RE: 21 N. MILPAS STREET, SANTA BARBARA, CA 93103

I was asked to look at a concrete walkway at 21 N. Milpas Street. I observed a 6' wide walkway that has been lifted from tree roots. The sidewalk is sloped towards the building and water now drains towards the foundation of the building and into the stores.

I gave Beverly Iles a proposal to replace the concrete walkway 6' by 50' long. She also told me to show proof that the tree in the parkway was lifting the concrete sidewalk. We cut out 16" square of concrete and exposed the tree roots and took pictures. We then patched this 16" square with new concrete.

I told Beverly that the roots have lifted the walkway and then may lift the corner of the building. If this happens, it will cost a lot more money to fix this problem.

Sincerely,

  
Raul Figueroa

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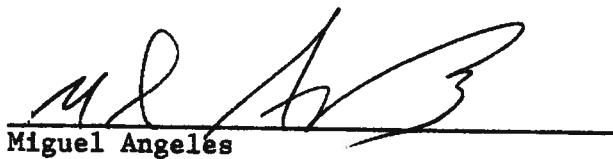
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RE: 21 N. MILPAS STREET, SANTA BARBARA, CA 93103

This company was called to repair roof leaks at 21 N. Milpas Street. The leaves that fall off the tree end up clogging the drains and when it rains, the water builds up and leaks inside.

Continuous walking on this type of roofing is not recommended. The roof membrane can be damaged causing more leaks.

Sincerely,



Miguel Angeles